



# Northwest MAC Group

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## Documentation of NW MAC Decisions

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NW MAC – 2002 Decision 10

*Fire Fighter Safety needs to be a high profile discussion item with IC's and Agency Administrators*

*The PNW Geographic Area has moved to Preparedness Level 5!*

*[Correction]: A 24-hour stand-down of all Federally contracted (T-1 & T-2) heavy airtankers, beginning at noon today, has been initiated by the National MAC. Incident Commanders and Agency Administrators need to be aware of the potential for significantly decreased availability of heavy airtankers over several days and adjust objectives, plans, and more importantly, contingency plans accordingly. Think of opportunities to backfill loss of heavy airtankers with T-1 helicopters for initial attack, and be ready to identify a T-1 helicopter to be made available as a mobile "ready reserve" for use within the Geographic Area.*

### PNW Incident Priorities:

<u>Fire</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>IC</u>	<u>Area Commander/MAC</u>
1. Toolbox Complex	OR-FRF	Berndt 2	Mann AC
2. Winter Complex	OR-98S	Mair 2	Mann AC
3. 747	OR - OCF	Babb 3	Rhodes AC, NE OR MAC, Grace MC
4. Flagtail	OR – MAF	Wood 1	Rhodes AC, NE OR MAC, Grace MC
5. Malheur Complex	OR-MAF	Morcom 2	Rhodes AC, NE OR MAC, Grace MC
6. Deer Point	WA – WEF	Perry 2	
7. Eyerly Complex	OR-WSA/DEF	Studebaker 1	Central OR MAC—Kelly J., POC
8. Tiller Complex	OR-UPF	Vail/Dunton	SW OR MAC
9. Monument	OR-MAF	Stutler 1	Rhodes AC, NE OR MAC, Grace MC
10. N. Umpqua Complex	OR – UPF	Jackson 2	SW OR MAC
11. Biscuit Complex	OR-SIF	Joki 2	SW OR MAC
12. Squire Complex	OR – ORS	Thorpe 2	SW OR MAC
13. Grizzly	OR-FRF	Bright 2	Mann AC
14. Roseburg Complex	OR-ORS	Lane 2	SW OR MAC
15. Mahogany Complex	OR – VAD	Gardner 2	NE OR MAC, Grace MC

### Special Resource Allocation Priorities:

- By Incident, the most immediately critical resource needs for firefighter and public safety are:

Toolbox Complex	T-1 Crews, DIVS, STLR, TFUL, DOZB, SOFR, T-1 Heli, T-3 Heli
Winter Complex	Same as Toolbox/Silver
Flagtail	T-3 Heli (recon)
Malheur Complex	FELB, DOZB, DIVS, STLR
Deer Point	T-1 Crews (2), SOFR
Monument	FOBS, RCDM, STLR, DIVS, TFUL, SEC1, Logistics, Commo
Tiller Complex	TFUL, STLR, DIVS, T-1 IMT, T-1,2,3 Heli's
N. Umpqua Complex	DIVS, STLR, TFUL, T-1,2,3 Heli's, T-1&2 crews
Squire Complex	FBAN
Grizzly	T-1 Heli & bucket

- Specific priorities for next available resources: Mid-level supervision to Toolbox/Silver/Winter first, Malheur second, Monument third, Tiller fourth, and N. Umpqua fifth; T-1 IMT to Tiller; T-1 Crews to Toolbox/Silver/Winter first, Deer Point second, N. Umpqua Complex third; Aviation Resources will be coordinated by MAC Aviation Specialist Mike Campbell with IMT's for SE OR AC, NE OR AC, MAC.



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**Other Decisions:**

1. MAC affirmed the USFWS clarification that wildland fires represent an emergency under the Endangered Species Act and that in no circumstances is emergency response to be delayed or obstructed because of Endangered Species Act considerations.
2. MAC took up the issue of work/rest guidelines. Safety of fire personnel is of continuing paramount importance. Managing fatigue is an important element. We encourage all Incident Commanders and Agency Administrators to follow the work/rest guidelines outlined in the attached letter from the National Multi-agency Coordination Group to the best of their abilities. These guidelines are mandatory for all federal employees regardless of where assigned. Secondly, we acknowledge that full implementation of work/rest guidelines across agency jurisdictions is a work in progress, and ask that all officials take the high road in working out differences between agency jurisdictions—we depend on maintaining positive collaborative relationships between agencies over the long run. And lastly, we ask that Agency Administrators consider incorporation of the attached work/rest guidelines as part of their delegations of authority to Incident and Area Commanders.
3. MAC commissioned a Fire and Aviation Safety Team today (see charter letter), focusing primarily on ground operations and OSHA Abatement items. The team will review a representative sample of incidents from each of the five most active sub-geographic areas, including SW OR, SE OR, Vale, NE OR, and Central OR.

**Previous Decisions:**

1. Monument Incident Commander, Joe Stutler, has submitted a resource order for the military battalion to be deployed to his unit. The battalion is expected to be on the fireline as early as Wednesday, July 24.
2. PNWCG/MAC has deployed an aviation Safety and Technical Assistance Team (STAT) to deal with aviation safety and operational issues. Priorities have been set for Eyerly, Lakeview/Fremont, and Southwest Oregon.

**Prioritization Criteria & Considerations:**

1. Potential to destroy or harm human life
2. Potential to destroy
  - Communities
  - Community infrastructure (including: long term effects to economic sustainability and viability)
  - Historically significant cultural resources
  - Commercial businesses
  - Principal residence (year-round homes)
  - Non-principal residence (seasonal home, cabins, etc.)
  - Out-buildings (barns, unattached garages, utility buildings, etc.)
3. Potential to impact cultural and natural resource values
4. Probability of meeting incident objectives

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